

# McAlier Negotiating for Drake---Cy Young Does Not Intend to Quit

## NATIONALS ARE NOT AFTER OUTFIELDER DELOS DRAKE

### New York State League Slugger Was Turned Down by McAlier on Scout Kahoe's Tip—Base Ball Gossip.

BY J. ED GRILLO.

Rumors that the Washington club was making an effort to secure Delos Drake, the outfielder, who batted .345 in the New York State League last season, and who is the property of the Detroit club, received the official denial this morning from President T. C. Noyes.

Drake was under consideration by Manager McAlier last fall, and for several weeks Scout Kahoe followed him around the New York League circuit. His report was to the effect that Drake would not strengthen the Nationals' outfield and negotiations for him were dropped.

It was suggested at the time that Detroit was interested in Drake, and that he was to be sent to Detroit. McAlier suspected such a switch, so stepped in and bought Ralston. True, the latter did not play, but he showed well enough to warrant his getting a thorough trial in the spring.

Incidentally it is not likely that Detroit would want to pass up Drake without another trial, for the Tiger outfield was woefully at times, and is made up of material which is not apt to show any marked improvement.

Scout Kahoe's report was to the effect that Warren Miller, the Nationals' farm hand with Stanton, was a better man than Drake, and as McAlier has recalled Miller it would seem that he took Kahoe's tip.

But what makes the proposition look rather unfavorable is the statement from Monte Cross, manager of the Scranton team, who told McAlier that McAlier told the writer at the recent league meeting that Miller would never make a major league pitcher more than a year or two old. He said he did not have the first qualification to make good here; that he lacked spirit, could not pitch, and was not a decided pitcher.

Of course McAlier may be like some of the other old fellows—when he starts to think he may find it too strenuous work to continue and give up the idea of playing again.

That it is no easy matter to get good playing material from rival clubs is generally known, and yet there are instances where some minor league players have been made between two major league clubs. In fact, the winning of several pennants can be attributed to the fact that a club has secured a player from some club that the latter did not think it could use.

Base ball history shows that some first-class men have passed from one club to another in the minor leagues. The following is a partial list of men who have been sold or traded in recent years:

Pittsburgh—Morgan, Louisville to Boston; McCulligan, Moren and Coveleske, Philadelphia to Cincinnati; Ewing, Brenahan, Becker, Cincinnati to Chicago; Philadelphia; Cy Young, Boston to Cleveland; Brown, St. Louis to Chicago; Overstall, Cincinnati to Chicago; McIntire, Brooklyn to Chicago; Powell, New York to St. Louis.

Outfielders—Brenahan, New York to St. Louis; Thomas, New York to Detroit; to Athletics; Moran, Boston to Chicago; to Philadelphia; Clarke, Cleveland to St. Louis; Needham, New York to Chicago; Donohue, Boston to Athletics; Schell, Cincinnati to Philadelphia; Schaefer, Cincinnati to Brooklyn; Klewin, New York to Chicago.

Infielders—Bridwell, Cincinnati to Boston; New York; H. Lord, Boston to Chicago; McConnell, Boston to Chicago; Knight, Athletics to Boston; New York; Steinfield, Cincinnati to Chicago; Byrne, St. Louis to Pittsburgh; Griggs, St. Louis to Cleveland; Lobert, Chicago to Cincinnati; Philadelphia; Shean, Philadelphia to New York; Moriarty, New York to Detroit; Brandau, Pittsburgh to Philadelphia; Delahanty, Washington to Detroit; Becker, New York to Boston; J. Stahl, Washington; Schaefer, Detroit to Washington; Elberfeld, New York to Washington.

Outfielders—Bates, Boston to Philadelphia; to Cincinnati; Paskett, Cincinnati to Philadelphia; J. Lord, Cleveland to Athletics; Jackson, Athletics to Cleveland; Wolter, Boston to New York; Stone, Boston to St. Louis; Sheppard, Brooklyn to Chicago; Murray, St. Louis to New York; Oakes, Cincinnati to St. Louis; Gessler, Boston to Washington; Killmer, Detroit to Washington; Beaumont, Pittsburgh to Boston; New York to Chicago.

In the above list are enough names to form two or three pennant winners, so the talk that good players are not procurable is hardly based on facts.

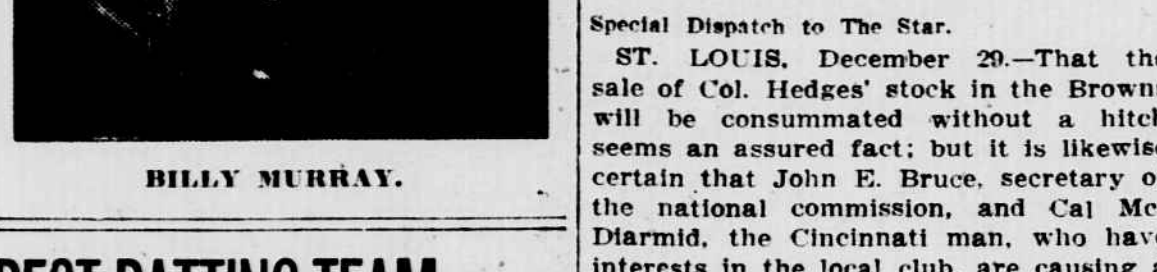
Though Charley Street is still a young

## ST. LOUIS DEAL IS STILL IN MIDDLE

New Owners Said to Be Displeased With Turn of Affairs.

### TO NAME NEW MANAGER WITHIN A FEW DAYS

Bruce and McDiarmid Said to Be Blocking Hedges Sale—Ban Johnson Being Consulted.



## BEST BATTING TEAM IN EASTERN LEAGUE

### Spade of Newark, in Thirteen Games, Leads With Percentage of .375.

That the heaviest batting team does not always win a base ball pennant is shown in the official averages of the Eastern League, issued yesterday. Although the Newark Spades, who in thirteen games, led with a percentage of .375, then comes Baltimore, with .352; Rochester, with .348; Buffalo, with .346; Newark, with .329; Jersey City, with .328; Montreal, with .326; and Providence, with .324.

Spade of Newark in thirteen games had the best individual average, with .375; Rath of Baltimore, in twenty-eight games, had .348; Dube of Montreal, in fifty-eight games, .338; McConnell of Rochester, in forty-five, .333; Heilmuller of Baltimore, in thirty-nine, .331, and Hardy of Montreal, in thirty-one, .330.

The only other player besides those already named to top the .300 mark was Vard of Rochester, who in forty-five games has .302. Good of Baltimore was next with .300 in 100 games.

Rochester won the pennant, with the other club following in the following order: Newark, Baltimore, Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo, Jersey City and Providence.

## DISSATISFIED MINORS.

### Eastern League and American Association Want to Work Alone.

CHICAGO, December 29.—The subject of the rumored strife between the Eastern Base Ball League and the American Association and organized base ball was under discussion around American League headquarters in this city yesterday. It is said representatives of these two classes a minor circuit will make application before the national commission at Cincinnati next week to be withdrawn from the national association for the purpose of molding a separate organization, excepting "Bugs" Raymond, who is in the Eastern League, and in harmony with the majors and minors.

"President Thomas (Chivington) of the American Association has already been seen regarding the plan," said President Johnson of the American League, "and President Harrow of the Eastern League was anxious to have a talk with me during the base ball meetings in New York, but I didn't have time to confer with him."

In the event the matter is not taken up by the commission it is said the American Association magnates will thoroughly discuss the topic during their annual session here January 12.

## TO INVADE JAPAN.

### Champion Athletes Will Take Trip to Orient Next Fall.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, December 29.—Business Manager Frank Bancroft of the Cincinnati Nationals has taken base ball clubs to foreign countries, expects to add another country to his list after the next world's series. Japan is the country Bancroft expects to storm, and his army of invasion will consist, he says, of the Philadelphia Athletics.

"The members of the Philadelphia team are anxious to make the trip to Japan next year," said Bancroft. "They have heard what crowds the American college teams have been drawing in that country and are certain that they will prove a greater drawing card. The team will start for the far east immediately after the last game has been played and the men will keep in shape by light practice on board ship."

## HACKENSCHMIDT MAY TACKLE FRANK GOTCH

LINCOLN, NEB., December 29.—A special dispatch from Lincoln, Neb., to the State Journal quotes Jack Curley, manager for Hackenschmidt, as saying he accepts for his principal the challenge on behalf of Frank Gotch to wrestle for a side bet of \$20,000 and the state record. Curley says he has wired \$500 forfeit to a Chicago sporting editor and will be in Chicago today to make the match.

## FRANK GOTCH IS "TICKLED TO DEATH"

### Champion Wrestler Becomes Gleeful When Told That "Hack" Accepts Defi.

DES MOINES, Iowa, December 29.—"Tickled to death," declared Frank Gotch over the telephone today when told that Jack Curley, manager for George Hackenschmidt, had accepted the challenge issued through Farmer Burns and a few others, that he would put up a twenty-thousand-dollar side bet. "I am all ready to meet the 'Russian Lion' as they call him, and show him that I am still world champion. I would prefer that the match be pulled off in the next three or four weeks. After meeting him I will stay on the mat as long as any of them can put up enough money. But I don't think there is enough money in the whole bunch of them to cover the amount in the challenge issued by Farmer Burns."

## MORAN OFFERS TO MEET WOLGAST IN AMERICA

### Taunts Him With Being Afraid to Enter Ring, Trading on Title for Money.

PITTSBURG, December 29.—"I will fight Wolgast in America, not England," remarked Owen Moran yesterday afternoon in discussing the chance which he has of meeting the champion lightweight. "I want to meet him here—meet him and beat him right in front of the people to whom he has not treated right since he became champion," continued the Englishman. "There is another reason why I want to fight him on his own grounds. I want to see the American sportsman so loyal and so good a fellow that he is entitled to see this championship battle without going across the ocean to see it. There are thousands who would go to see the battle if held in America who could not get of going into my country to see it."

## JACKLITSCH IS SOLD.

### Rochester Club of Eastern League Buys Philles' Catcher.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

PHILADELPHIA, December 29.—The Rochester Eastern League club has come across with the price, and with all teams waiving their rights on Fred Jacklitsch, the one-time emergency catcher of the Phillies, will be a Hustler champion next year. Rochester has been anxious to purchase the release of "Jack" for some time since they learned he was on the market, but the Phillies could not sell him until they were free to dispose of his services. It did not take long to clinch the bargain with Rochester.

The Philadelphia management figured that they were well enough fortified with backstops in Duoin, Moran and McDonough, with a new catcher coming from the minors, and as Jacklitsch was never known to burst forth into a fury of offense or hurling, the club decided to let him out long ago.

In going to Rochester he will add another former Philadelphia player to the Eastern League stars. Winfield Osborne was released to Rochester two years ago, and Joe Ward also hit the trail in that direction during the middle of the season last year. With Jacklitsch with the Phillies last year he hit for 103, participating in but seventeen games. He was up at the rubber fifty-one times, and made ten hits for a total of thirteen bases, scoring seven runs. But there were five other National catchers who were better than Jacklitsch in the official standing, they being Schiel of New York, Ervin, Miller and Berger of Brooklyn, and Needham of Chicago.

The simple life is in store for the base ball players who usually gather at Hot Springs each spring. Right blue laws have been put into effect at the famous health resort, and it is said that even the stopping of street cars Sunday may result from the movement.

## CY YOUNG DECLARES HE IS NOT READY TO QUIT GAME

### Grand Old Pitcher Finds Himself in Good Condition and Says He Will Pitch Winning Ball.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

CLEVELAND, December 29.—"Say farewell to the diamond? Well, not just yet. Can't see any reason why I should." Thus spoke Cy Young over the long-distance phone from his home, in Peoli, Tuscarawas county, last night. Continuing, Cy asked what was stirring up all this trouble about himself. I am not through with the great old game. In fact, I am planning to go to Hot Springs about February and get ready for the season. And before you hang up your phone I want you to say this: Cy Young is not through yet. With the team that Cleveland had in the field when the season ended he will throw a record of better than 500 next year. With that team behind him all this year he would have won more than half his games in 1910. That's all. Good-bye—until the training trip starts. I'll be there."

## ZBYSZKO ACCEPTS CHALLENGE TO WRESTLE FRANK GOTCH

### Manager of Giant Pole Posts \$1,000 to Bind Match With Champion for World's Title and \$10,000 Side Bet.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

NEW YORK, December 29.—The report that Frank Gotch would resume wrestling and his challenge to take on one in this country reached this city about the same time and created a sensation among the followers of the mat game. Manager Herman, who looks after Zbyszko, was first in the field with the following letter:

"Replying to the published challenge from Frank Gotch to meet any wrestler in the world for a \$20,000 side bet and the best purse obtainable, winner to take all, I hereby accept on behalf of Zbyszko, a one stipulation I make is that the side bet be \$10,000. I have suggested \$20,000 suggested by Gotch. I hereby post \$1,000 with H. D. Cashman, sporting editor of the New York American, to bind my agreement and as a guarantee of good faith. The balance of \$9,000 to be posted upon signing articles."

"Witnesses—W. J. Fitzpatrick, Wood Ballard." "Manager of Zbyszko." "There is an old adage to the effect that money is one of our best conversationalists. The agreement printed above might not make so much noise were it not for the fact that J. H. Herman of Buffalo put up a one-thousand-dollar bet with Zbyszko and only meeting Gotch put Zbyszko on his back for the first time in six seconds. As the Pole extended his hand for the usual shake Gotch dove between the foreigner's legs and pinned his shoulders down before he knew what had happened. Zbyszko was so mortified that it took a lot of persuasion to get him out of the ring. He was in a trifle less than thirty minutes."

Since that time the giant Pole has learned a lot of American tricks and is boiling for another chance. In fact, Herman intimates that the proposed \$10,000 wager is in part Zbyszko's without when a man is willing to bet on himself, he's confident, to say the least.

## Colored Y. M. C. A. Quint Trims the Alpha Five of New York.

Playing before a crowd of over 2,000 people, the Washington Colored Y. M. C. A. team triumphed over the strong Alpha Physical Culture Club of New York city by a score of 24 to 19, in two fast twenty-minute periods.

This game was by far the hardest yet played by this colored national basketball team, which defeated all the best colored teams in the country last year and has never been defeated. Starting the game with a rush, the Alphas scored twice before Nixon of the Y. M. C. A. dropped one in, then one by Thomas and left by Henderson, with a foul thrown, Alvin Thomas easily took the jump, and Matthews, speeding alongside, featured in the play of the first half, which ended 10 to 8 in favor of the New Yorkers.

Again, before the Y. M. C. A. lads got their bearing in the final session, that opened with Gilmore playing center and Henderson at guard. Huddy Oliver and Henderson then closed up the play. The applause thundered forth with Alphas until after the Y. M. C. A. took the lead. Gilmore, slender and gimlet-like, by outjumping Thomas, broke up the Alphas' attack, and, passing by Oliver and Henderson, with good shooting by Nixon, won the day. The applause thundered forth with deafening din throughout the game. The play was fast and hard, but clean and marked by splendid feeling among players. Local fans declare it the best game seen in years, and predict a strong win in Alpha stock when they lock horns with the local quint.

The line-up: Alpha P. C. C. C. Washington Y. M. C. A. C. Norman, R. F. Nixon, C. Thomas, C. Henderson, C. Gilmore (capt.), R. G. Wynn, Oliver (capt.), Clifton Norman, A. L. 24 Alphas, 19 Colored Y. M. C. A. officials. Time of halves—20 minutes.

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